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FAVORABLE REPORT PREDICTED

Senator Depew States That Curtis Bill Will Be Endorsed by the Committee

(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, February 10.—Senator Depew, chairman of the senate committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, before which the argument on the Curtis bill, providing prohibition for the Territory of Hawaii, is being heard, stated today that it is his belief that the bill will probably be again reported favorably to the senate tomorrow.

The committee will hear further argument on the bill at its morning session tomorrow, having postponed consideration until that time, but Senator Depew believes that a majority of the committee will decide that the arguments for the bill outweigh the protests from Honolulu against it and will report it with a recommendation that it pass.

A favorable report will probably mean its passage in the senate.

CIVIC FEDERATION URGE PASSAGE OF CURTIS BILL

Unanimous Vote at First Popular Citizens' Meeting in Favor of Prohibition by Federal Enactment.

Senator Depew, Washington:

Honolulu Civic Federation, a popular body, not sharing opinion expressed by local commercial bodies in protest that Curtis bill imperils home rule, and voicing the strong sentiment of Territory favoring prohibition by congressional action, unanimously petitioned your committee to report bill favorably, and urges congress to enact stringent federal prohibition of liquor traffic for Hawaii. W. R. CASTLE, President.

Civic Federation members to the number of half a hundred turned out for their special meeting in the social hall of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon and there was a highly interesting hour. The gathering was one quite representative of the best elements of Honolulu citizenship, including mechanics, merchants, physicians and clergymen, with a sprinkling of capitalists and attorneys. A resolution prepared by a subcommittee of the executive committee of the federation was read by President W. R. Castle. It was in the form of the cablegram given above which was filed immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting, being passed with only one adverse vote, which was subsequently withdrawn.

There was considerable discussion before the vote was taken, some speakers doubting the wisdom of the suddenness of the proposed legislation; others expressing doubt as to the prohibition powers of any prohibition bill, but the majority being strongly in favor of urging the passage of the Curtis bill on congress.

Towse Suggested Compromise.

Ed Towse took the floor for five minutes, saying that this was the first opportunity at which a citizen might present his views without prejudice to the issue or to himself. He spoke as a civic worker who believed in progress and in battling for the highest ideals. The supreme test of anything was whether it would work or not and the local situation was that no matter how much injury had been wrought and affront offered by the liquor business in individuals and property in it were entitled to some consideration. Society had never been benefited nor built up

On her initial voyage to Honolulu the Matson steamship Wilhelmina, Capt. Peter Johnson in command, went aground yesterday afternoon on a reef, having left San Francisco about three o'clock. A cablegram announcing the Wilhelmina's predicament was received by The Advertiser last night, the same dispatch stating also that she had been floated again and had proceeded on her voyage.

The dispatch suggests that the grounding of the vessel resulted in no damage to the vessel as she was allowed to proceed on her way. Whether the vessel went aground in the harbor or at the entrance to the bay, was not stated.

by sudden and violent changes. A long period of readjustment always followed an extreme decision. Therefore he would propose that, so long as congress was being requested to legislate for the Territory the suggestion be made that the saloons be abolished gradually in a period extended over say ten years and that for the benefit of the prospective tourist business hotels occupying buildings costing upwards of \$50,000 be permitted to dispense liquor to bona fide guests under strict regulations. Mr. Towse said had seen much drunkenness, together with mob law and murder on account of liquor in a prohibition State and town and on an Indian reservation.

The meeting was overwhelmingly against any suggestion of compromise. Cheap Poison Sold. Wm. Larsen, one of the managers of the Hustace-Peck company, made a telling address. He said that he was a drinking man himself, that only a few days ago he had bought a bottle of gin for \$1.50, had remarked that he was going to have it tested, whereupon the seller demanded it back and refunded the purchase price. The bottles who drank and who knew what good liquor was would use the goods from only a couple of houses in town.

Most of the other liquor was simply cheap poison and was killing off the native Hawaiians at an alarming rate. Perhaps the situation was not as bad as it was a few years ago, but within a week he has in a visit of an hour to Kakaia counted fifteen drunken natives. If this was to be stopped it should be stopped right away. He was in favor of the Curtis bill.

W. L. Howard spoke on the home rule feature and related how his State of Rhode Island had gradually submitted to federal control and the towns of the commonwealth to State supervision. He believed the federal government could and should handle the situation here.

John M. Martin said he hoped no one would be influenced by the suggestion of Mr. Towse that perhaps the change might be too radical even for those who favored it most. He wanted a radical change right away.

John A. Hughes declared with considerable warmth that much of the home rule talk had come with rather poor grace from the source spreading and urging it. He was a home ruler who had suffered severely for the principle involved and was willing to do so again. The measure did seem at most revolutionary and he doubted if prohibition would prohibit. At any rate he could not favor the actual forcing of any sort of legislation which might be opposed or be considered unjust by an element of the citizenship which had by right a voice in the matter.

Doubted Efficacy.

F. E. McStocker could not line with the contention that prohibition could be enforced, and at first was opposed to the resolution, but later, saying that he had expressed himself, he would vote in the affirmative.

His was the only dissenting vote, giving as his reasons for so doing, that while he was in favor of regulating the liquor traffic, yet he did not believe in prohibition.

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WOULD STOP IMPORTATION OF ALL BOOZE

WASHINGTON, January 24.—Prohibition which will keep a State dry in fact and forbid the issuance of a federal license for the sale of spirits or the use of internal revenue stamps is provided in a bill offered today in the senate by Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina.

It is the practice of the government to issue a federal license for the sale of liquor without regard to whether a State is wet or dry. This has been an aid in prosecutions, as under a ruling of the department of the treasury prosecutors and others were permitted to see the record of licenses issued by the United States and their possession has in some States been held by the courts to be sufficient evidence for a conviction. To forbid their issuance in dry States would curtail the revenue of the United States very considerably.

WILL GO NORTH FOR TOURISTS

Promotion Committee to Suspend Los Angeles Work for Work in Northwest.

NO COASTWISE LAW TABU

Canadian Transportation People Promise to Help, Not Hinder, Tourist Traffic.

So great has been the influx of tourists from Canada and the northwest of the United States mainland that the promotion committee has decided to shift the major part of its promotion campaign from Southern California to Seattle and Vancouver. The work at Los Angeles will be temporarily suspended while the bureau at Seattle is being established. Mrs. Frances King Hendler, who has been doing such excellent work in Southern California with her lectures and general advertising campaign for the islands, will be transferred north. The committee spoke in the highest terms of the work she has done in California, particularly with her lectures. She is considered the best person to open the work in the north.

This change of base was announced at yesterday's meeting by Secretary Wood. In addition to this change the general advertising work in San Francisco, which will be transferred to the Pacific Cable Company of San Francisco, represented here by Mr. Hodge, who arrived on the Eureka. A proposition by Mr. Hodge for his company to do all the advertising work in San Francisco, Seattle and wherever they have an office, for \$50 per month, was accepted and endorsed by the committee. Mr. Scott, who has been representing the committee in San Francisco will retire and the money paid to him will be applied to the Peck, Judah contract.

Secretary Wood stated that for the past year or so the matter of undertaking a more thorough personal campaign in the northwest has been under discussion and he believed the time was now ripe to take hold in earnest.

Mr. Wood stated that he had just had an interview with General Manager Rusted at the Pacific division of

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ROW CAUSED QUEEN TO ACT

Liliuokalani Revoked Deed of Trust on Account of Piikia.

AEA LOCKED OUT BY IAUKEA

And Kaipua Immediately Started for Washington to Tell His Tale of Woe.

Probably, as the result of a row that broke out between Kaipua Aea and Curtis Paukae, almost before the steamer carrying Queen Liliuokalani was out of sight of the mountains of Oahu, the Queen has revoked the deed of trust to A. S. Cleghorn, W. O. Smith and Curtis P. Paukae, and Paukae will probably lose the very profitable job of looking after the trust property. Complaint is made by some of the Queen's wards and proteges that Paukae, as soon as the authority was placed in his hands, became arrogant and overbearing and tried to run things with a high hand. As a result of Paukae's treatment of him, Kaipua Aea obtained leave of absence from his duties as stenographer of the board of supervisors and, boarding a Pacific liner, followed the Queen on to the States, where he laid before her his tale of woe.

It is apparent that the Queen listened to him, for she took action very soon thereafter. Acting in accordance with notification from her, A. A. Wilder of the firm of Thompson, Clemons & Wilder, has made a formal demand on the trustees for the return of the Queen's property which was turned over to them by the terms of the deed of trust. Whether or not the trustees will contest this order is not known, though it is said to be impossible for them to do so successfully.

Kuhio on the Ground. It is possible that Kuhio may have had a hand in persuading the Queen to undo what she had done. When the deed of trust was executed and filed, there was considerable surprise over the fact that Queen Liliuokalani had left Cupid entirely out of what was to all intents and purposes her will. His name was not even mentioned. Kaipua Aea, John Aimeka and Curtis Paukae were not present.

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SEBREE AND FREAR EXCHANGE MESSAGES

U. S. F. S. California, February 8, 1910, 4:30 p. m. His Excellency Governor Frear, Honolulu.

The commander-in-chief and officers of the U. S. Pacific Fleet wish to thank you for your many favors and courtesies and to wish you and your family long life and happiness.

ADMIRAL SEBREE, Admiral Sebree, U. S. F. S. California. Many thanks for your kind message. We cordially reciprocate your good wishes. Hawaii will long remember with greatest pleasure the visit of yourself, officers and men.

Governor Frear.

The above wireless messages were exchanged yesterday between Admiral Sebree, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, and Governor Frear, and testify to the mutual good will of the Territory's chief executive and the commander-in-chief of the empire fleet. Admiral Sebree sailed Honolulu and it appears that Honolulu sailed Admiral Sebree, for before leaving he expressed himself as delighted with the reception accorded himself and his officers and men by the metropolis of Hawaii.

SHAKE-UP IN HEALTH BOARD

Many Important Changes Have Been Made by President Mott-Smith.

DR. McDONALD HAS RESIGNED

No Secretary Now—Charlock Is Pratt's Assistant—Lawrence Is Transferred.

A general shake-up in the board of health has occurred during the past few days, the result of which President Mott-Smith believes will be a great increase in the efficiency of the department.

Mr. Mott-Smith does not denominate the changes that have been made a shake-up, but it is apparent that there has been a general sorting over and readjustment of the works, which were not running at all well before. Nobody has been entirely eliminated except Dr. McDonald, the bacteriologist of the board, whose resignation has been accepted. Mr. Mott-Smith says that Dr. McDonald some time ago expressed a desire to resign, and has been allowed to do so.

No new bacteriologist will be appointed, but the work formerly done by Dr. McDonald will be divided up between Dr. Sexton and Dr. Wayson. Dr. Sexton will look after the medical end of the work of the department generally, but will have nothing to do with the leprosy work, all of which has been turned over to Dr. Wayson, who is in charge of the Kalihiki hospital and the boys' and girls' homes. Dr. Sexton will be in charge of the tuberculosis campaign, so far as the board of health is concerned, and in his work in this connection will be able to be of great assistance to the sanitation bureau of the board, though he will have no active connection with the sanitary work.

Dr. Wayson will be assisted by Mr. Reinecke, who is known as a good man in his line and will add greatly to the efficiency of the department.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT JR IS ENGAGED TO MARRY

Will Wed Daughter of Prominent New York Attorney.

NEW YORK, February 11.—The engagement was announced yesterday of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the former President, to Eleanor Butler Alexander, daughter of Judge Alexander, counselor of the American embassy at Paris and a prominent New York lawyer.

SUGAR TRUST EMPLOYEE GETS PRISON SENTENCE

NEW YORK, February 10.—The first sentence among the "higher-ups" of those involved in the frauds of the sugar trust was passed today. Oliver Spitzer, the former dock superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Company, who was convicted of defrauding the government, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

NEW KING WILL SUBSTITUTE NEEDED REFORMS IN CONGO

BRUSSELS, February 10.—King Albert is not to disappoint those who predicted that his accession to the throne would bring about a favorable change in the affairs of the Congo. It was authoritatively announced that the government will undertake a thorough reform of the conditions among the people of the Congo.

UNITED STATES DIPLOMATS MAY BE SUPPLIED HOUSES

WASHINGTON, February 10.—The movement to house properly the American diplomats in foreign capitals was started anew today, when a bill was introduced providing for the appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars a year to be expended in the construction of United States embassies.

SUSPECTED POISONER IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

KANSAS CITY, February 10.—Dr. R. C. Hyde, who was charged by the grand jury with administering strychnine to Millionaire Thomas Swope, with the intention of foul play, has been arrested for murder and bond fixed at \$25,000.

CAPTAIN SHARP DEAD.

WASHINGTON, February 10.—Captain Alexander Sharp of the navy died today from typhoid fever.

MURDER BAND UNEARTHED IN KOREA

Honolulu and San Francisco Have Branches of the Nefarious Society.

YI'S ASSAILANT CONFESSES

Murders of Ito and Stevens Were Expected by the Branch Societies.

SEOUL, February 11.—Through the confession of the Korean who attempted to assassinate Yi Wan-yong, it has been discovered that an organized murder league is in existence and that the branches of this league in Honolulu and San Francisco were closely connected with the murder of Prince Ito and Counselor Stevens.

Immediately after making the attempt upon the life of Yi Wan-yong, the Korean minister president of state, the assailant was placed under arrest and the authorities started to work to discover what affiliations he had and whether or not he committed his fell deed of his own volition or as the representative of some society. The confession secured yesterday indicates the latter to be the case.

Through the confession of the would-be murderer the authorities have secured full particulars concerning the organization and membership of a Korean society which has been discovered to be nothing less than a murder league. This society has branches in both Honolulu and San Francisco.

It is believed that cognizance of the intended assassination of Prince Ito was had in the Honolulu and San Francisco branches of this murder league before the fell deed was committed while there is strong evidence that the murder of Stevens was planned by the San Francisco branch of the society.

Yi Wan-yong, as minister president of state of Korea, signed the agreement with Prince Ito which placed the administration of the hermit kingdom in the hands of Japan. The agreement caused great indignation among members of a certain section of the Koreans and as a direct result Counselor Stevens, Korea's legal adviser, and Prince Ito, the resident general, were assassinated while a murderous attempt was made on the life of Yi Wan-yong.

FLYNN AND LANGFORD WILL AGAIN ENTER THE ARENA

LOS ANGELES, February 11.—Jim Flynn, "the Los Angeles fireman," and Sam Langford, were yesterday matched to fight forty-five rounds on March 17.

OCEANSIDE POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED AFTER FIGHT

OCEANSIDE, February 10.—Two robbers entered the postoffice at this place today and after a severe fight with the official in charge, in which pistols were freely used, the official was overpowered and the robbers rifled the office, making their escape with \$1400.

JAPANESE MAY BE KEPT OUT OF UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, February 10.—The Pacific Coast gained a point in its campaign for immigration exclusion today. The bill of Congressman Hayes to restrict the immigration of Japanese and other immigrants was favorably reported to the house.

SEINE AGAIN RISING

PARIS, February 11.—Ganges along the Seine show the river to have risen seven inches in the last twenty-four hours. It is predicted that the water will rise still higher.

REBELS VICTORIOUS.

MANAGUA, February 11.—The revolutionists yesterday captured Matagalpa.

EX-CHIEF COOK RETIRES

SAN FRANCISCO, February 11.—Ex-Chief of Police Cook retired yesterday.